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SUBJ: MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT

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1. AS INSTRUCTED REF B, ON AUGUST 25 CHARGE MADE ORAL PRESENTATION OF MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT TO BUDIMIR LONCAR, FSFA UNDERSECRETARY. CHARGE EXPLAINED THE MESSAGE IS ADDRESSED TO THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT, ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. LONCAR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE MESSAGE, EMPHASIZING THAT YUGOSLAVIA IS ALSO "KEEN" TO ENGAGE IN PERIODIC HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS. LONCAR SAID HE WAS GOING TO BRIONI LATER IN THE DAY, AND WOULD TAKE THE MESSAGE WITH HIM FOR PRESIDENT TITO.

3. LONCAR WAS INTENSELY INTERESTED IN OUR EVALUATION OF THE PROSPECT FOR SUCCESS AT THE UPCOMING CAMP DAVID SUMMIT INVOLVING PRESIDENTS CARTER, SADAT, AND BEGIN. HE POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT TITO HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SADAT, RECEIPT OF WHICH HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE LOCAL PRESS. THIS INDICATES, LONCAR SAID, FACT THAT YUGOSLAVIA "DOES NOT OPPOSE" PRESIDENT SADAT'S SEARCH FOR PEACE. YUGO-
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SLAVIA'S VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST ARE WELL KNOWN, LONCAR CONTINUED. UNTIL ISRAEL IS PRESSED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS, AND UNTIL ARAB UNITY IS RESTORED, YUGOSLAVIA FEARS THERE IS LITTLE PROSPECT FOR A SOLUTION. HOWEVER, LONCAR ADDED, YUGOSLAVIA STILL HOPES FOR SUCCESS AT CAMP DAVID.

4. WITH REGARD TO PRC CHAIRMAN HUA'S VISIT, LONCAR INDICATED

YUGOSLAVS ARE PLEASED AT THE "FLEXIBILITY" THE CHINESE HAVE
SHOWN IN DISCUSSIONS AND GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH THE SERIOUSNESS
AND ENERGY WITH WHICH THE CHINESE ARE EVIDENTLY SEEKING TO
EXPAND COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ALL AREAS. HE
PROMISED TO PROVIDE THE AMBASSADOR WITH A FULL RUNDOWN ON
CHAIRMAN HUA'S VISIT SOON AFTER THE DUST SETTLES.
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